

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Examiner is reminded that applicant filed an additional Information Disclosure Statement on November 4, 2002 and yet a further Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on May 23, 2003. A copy of such Information Disclosure Statements together with Forms PTO-1449 are attached together with a copy of the post card receipts respectively demonstrating receipt by the USPTO of such material. Since no initialled copy of such two further PTO-1449 forms has yet been received, the Examiner is respectfully requested to investigate, to insure that such references have been fully considered and to return a fully initialled copy of both such PTO-1449 forms.

The rejection of claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Takamori et al '653 is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the attached Amendment of Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b). The Examiner's assistance is requested to insure that only the three inventors Takamori, Iinuma and Uosaki are hereafter named as inventors in this present application.

Non elected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and elected claim 11 has been cancelled similarly in favor of new claim 49 (from which all other pending claims 12-22 now depend either directly or indirectly).

New independent claim 49 requires a second antivibration member which both suppresses propagation of vibration and also provides sealing for holding a vacuum state.

Takamori '653 does not disclose such a second anti-vibration member. In particular, members 100 and 40A do not correspond to the second anti-vibration member because members 100 and 40A do not provide any sealing function -- and are not disposed between members 23 and 24.

Accordingly, all outstanding grounds of rejection are now believed to have been mooted thus leaving this entire application in allowable condition. A formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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